

# SPEAR



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## Six Men Initiated in October; Dr. Smolenski Visits Chapter

Dr. William C. Smolenske, Grand President, visited this chapter on October 8 to witness the initiation of six men into the fraternity. Initiated were: James J. Hurry, a sophomore Pre Vet student from Denver; Norman J. Klements, a senior physical education major from Silverton, Colo.; Richard R. Lowe, hailing from Fort Collins, a sophomore, majoring in Dairy Manufacturing; William E. Noxon, from Denver, junior, majoring in physical education; Ray Pollard, a junior range management major, from Winnsboro, Texas; and Rodney E. Wilson, from Fort Morgan, Colo., a junior science and arts major.

Following the initiation, Dr. Smolenske gave the interpretation. The initiates were then honored by a dinner held in the chapter house dining room.

## Stag Party February 3rd

Come one, come all. The date? February 3, 1951. The time? About 8:00 P. M. The place? S. P. E. house, 121 East Lake, Fort Collins, Colorado. On this evening Colorado Gamma will hold an active-alumni Stag party. Get the little woman's permission to get out for the night, for we'll provide you with a barrel of fun. There will be many types of entertainment, and, if you're feeling lucky, you may be able to buy the woman that new hat after the evening is over. If your luck is bad, there will be plenty of refreshments to cure your blues. Be sure to mark that date on your calendar, and come join the "Smittes Back-Room Gang." We'll see you February 3, and I'm sure you will feel that you are getting your money's worth.

## Three Sig Eps Named Who's Who

Members elected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities are Dale Dodrill, Rudy Narod, and Mel Johnson. Mel and Rudy are editor and associate editor, respectfully, of the Silver Spruce. Rudy and Dale are also candidates for A. W. S. King.

## Pledge Class News

On the 18th of September, our rush week started with an informal lunch. Men were rushed every noon and evening, and during the course of the week more than 400 men were entertained at the house. By the end of the week, a great number of Sig Ep pledge pins were seen on the campus. We feel that rush week was very profitable for everyone concerned, and a great success.

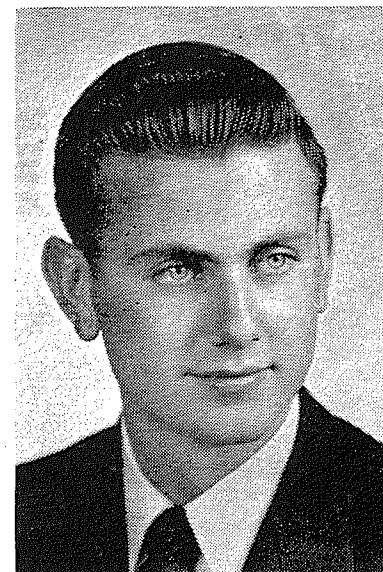
The active chapter saw a great deal of activity from the pledge class this Fall Quarter, starting with a sneak to Denver, a football game with the actives at 5:30 one Saturday morning, and they also planned and carried out a very successful hay-rack ride, after which

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## Gene Miller New Sig Ep Prexy

Election, for president, was held at the beginning of this quarter, due to the fact that Gene Andrews, the former president, was unable to attend college this year.

Eugene A. Miller, senior Civil Engineering major from Lexington, Nebraska, was elected to this office. Gene has been very active, both in the fraternity and on the campus. He was last year's editor of the SPEar, he held the position of social chairman his sophomore year, and was last summer's house manager. He is a member of the International Relations Club,



Pi Delta Epsilon (Honorary Collegiate Journalism Fraternity), American Society of Civil Engineers, and he is being initiated into Chi Epsilon (Honorary Civil Engineering Fraternity) December 2nd. He also headed "The COLLEGIAN on the Air," which was broadcast on the local radio station each week, during his sophomore year.

The other officers are all back in school this year.

## Sig Eps in Skit Night Finals

Saturday night, November 25, the four fraternities and the four sororities that had placed in the tryouts, presented their skits on the stage of the Junior High School auditorium before an appreciative, laughter rocked audience. The four women's groups presenting skits were the Delta Zetas, Kappa Deltas, Gamma Phi Betas, and Kappa Alpha Thetas. The mens groups reaching the finals were Sigma Phi Epsilon, Lambda Chi, Sigma Chi, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

With Bob Buehler acting as narrator, the theme of the Sig Ep skit centered around Maw and Paw as they discussed memories of Aggie years. The skit started with the master of ceremonies entering in front of the curtain and introducing to the audience, in a melodramatic fashion, its name, "Remembered Years at Aggies." From beginning to end Maw and Paw reminisced their years at Aggies. Many times their aspirations appeared real themselves,

created on stage through tangible images and systematic lighting. The "Boulder Classic," Smitty's floor show, the football team, and Paw the Pacemaker, were all included in their dreams.

This all led up to the last poem, Memories, not only explaining some of the reasons for their topic of the evening, but allowing them a last chance to never forget A & M.

The cast included Rush Locke, Spike Cosand, Dan Courtney, Bob Buehler, Dick Smith, Larry Birdsell, and Kenny Hansen, The "Can Can" line appearing in Smitty's floor show was composed of the

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## The SPEar

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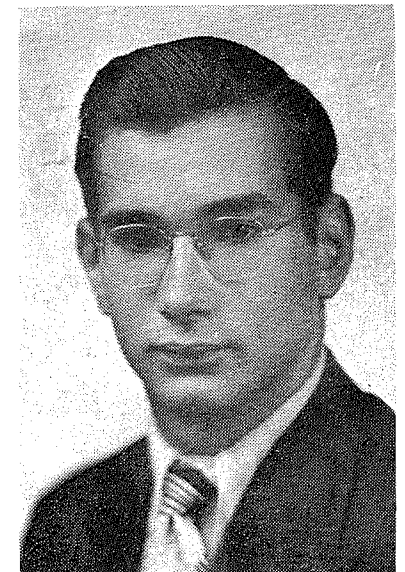
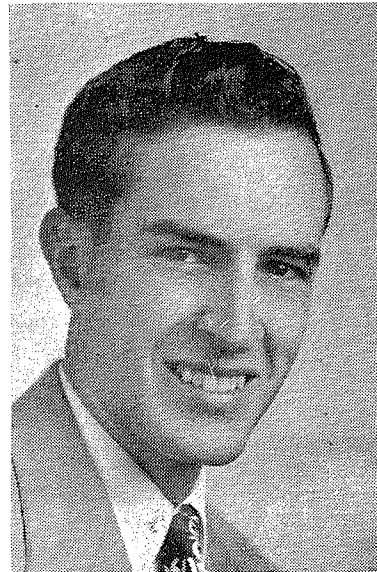
Gene McMurtry, Jack Saunders, Sherman Blach, Larry Birdsall, Walt Scott, John Bowles, Barney Stratton, John Sawyer, Rod Wilson, Jerry Hinkley, Kenny Jenkins, Carroll Seedorf, Bud Sorensen.

## —SKIT NIGHT

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best looking legs found at the Sig Ep House. These gorgeous "legs" belonged to Bud Law, Dick Law, Dick Ulrich, Bob Smullin, Bill Noxon, Ned Norris, Gene McMurtry, George Mock, and Dick Lowe. Those deserving a great deal of credit for the work in producing this skit were the chairmen; Dan Courtney, Scotty Billington, and Bob Buehler.

The top four finalists will present their skits at Fitzsimons General Hospital sometime next quarter.



## Bantly and Stoll Named Co-Editors

John Bantly, above, a Bacteriology senior and Bob Stoll, a sophomore Chemistry major were appointed co-editors of the SPEar for the coming school year. They replace Gene Miller, former editor, who is now president of the chapter.

## Sweetheart Club

The Sweetheart Club of Sigma Phi Epsilon meets the third Tuesday of each month during the school year at the chapter house. The officers this year are: President, Mrs. W. W. Bunting Sr.; Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Tobiska; Treasurer, Mrs. H. P. Scott; Secretary, Mrs. Irwin Johnson.

Their project this year was to purchase draperies for the chapter house. We are happy to say that they have made enough money to pay for them by sponsoring a bazaar, raffle, rummage sale and a drive for membership. Everyone was so generous in making all their functions a success.

The club will sponsor a card party and cake sale in February. Mrs. Juergens of Mitchell, Nebraska has offered to make and donate an afghan to be raffled later in the spring. All wives and mothers of "Sig Ep" members and pledges are always welcome to attend the regular meetings.

## ALUMS---

Remember the  
**STAG PARTY!**

## A & M Needs Money - - Teachers

At this time of strain and uncertainty, when college men live from day to day and week to week instead of from year to year as before, each college and university is faced with a vital problem. This problem concerns enrollment which is expected to drop some each quarter. Colorado A&M has anticipated this drop in enrollment.

We, however, are now endeavoring to advertise the college in almost every way possible. The main reason for the advertising being to draw high school seniors to A&M after they graduate. Here are some of the projects which we are doing. Our band is going to tour Colorado during spring vacation. A movie on Aggie life has been filmed and is going to be shown to prospective freshmen. The film includes shots of social functions, football games, plus material on such things as classroom work and laboratory work. In addition, during this Christmas vacation, many towns in Colorado held parties for the high school seniors. The purpose of the parties was two fold—to have fun and to interest more students in Aggies.

There is, however, another thought which should be considered. What good are students to a college which hasn't enough money to give them the best education? Let me quote some facts. In a survey made of 22 colleges and universities by the University of Idaho, Colorado A&M teacher's salaries were almost at the bottom of the list. Teachers are also overloaded. Normal standards of students per teacher is 15 to one. Here the ratio is 20 to one. Can any teacher, no matter how proficient, teach his best when underpaid and overworked?

Our college along with all of the other state supported colleges in Colorado is asking for an increase

in appropriations from the state legislature.

Looking at the facts, just 20 years ago, in 1930, Colorado A&M served 13,000 people in Colorado; that is, it directly reached one person out of every 78 in the state. In 1950 the college served 38,000 people, directly reaching one person out of every 37. Colorado A&M feels that its appropriation of state funds should parallel its services to the state.

## New Finance System

Beginning January 1, the Fraternity Management Company of Columbus, Missouri, took over the bookkeeping for the Fraternity. Their Representative, Bob Downing of Boulder, Colo., is now working with the chapter to set up a comprehensive budget for the remainder of the year. We find this system will aid us much in the setting up of the chapter budget, and maintaining an accurate and detailed account of our finances. Under this system the old Comptrollers position has been replaced by two positions; the steward, Jerry Hinkley, is now in charge of the kitchen and purchasing, and the treasurer's job is still in the hands of John Bowles.

One of the distinct advantages to this system is the continuity from one year to the next as well as being able to obtain expert advice on the operation of the finances.

## Christmas Serenade

The Sig Eps turned loose their Christmas spirit Monday night, December 4. Upholding an annual tradition, all sororities, the girls' dormitories, and the Old folks' home were serenaded with a short program of Christmas songs. In accordance with the coming holiday season, as each group was serenaded it was presented with a gift of a Sig Ep record album. It's an old Sig Ep custom.

## Field Secretary Visits Chapter

George K. Salt, new Field Secretary, arrived in Fort Collins on the second of December and visited our chapter until the fifth.

The main purpose of George's visit was to stress scholarship, house organization, and rules. His suggestions helped the chapter immensely.

Aside from his regular duties as the traveling secretary, George helped us entertain the Gamma Phi Sorority, at an "Open-House" held in the chapter house on the evening of December third. He also accompanied the entire fraternity on our annual Christmas serenade for the sororities and the girls' dormitory. George, with Florida sunshine still circulating in his blood, was forced to don his "long-handled" drawers for the serenade. It was suggested that we should sing, "Baby It's Cold Outside," for one of the numbers.

Seriously, his visit was inspiring to the whole chapter and we are looking forward to seeing him again.

**Prexy's Column**  
by GENE MILLER

With the close of Fall quarter we can look back over the first portion of this year and see many of our mistakes. Both individually and collectively, we can see places where we have fallen down. Our aims this year all lead to building a Sig Ep chapter which is the strongest this campus has ever seen. It cannot be accomplished by the officers alone, it cannot be accomplished by the chapter alone. The only method which will result in the fulfillment of this goal, is by the fullest of cooperation between the chapter, the officers and every Sig Ep Alumni. It is, collectively, our responsibility to build our fraternity to a point where it will be able to carry on under any setbacks which may occur. Many of you alums know far better than we, the disasters which have resulted from simple unpreparedness. May we all profit by our mistakes. Even as early in the fall as October, leading educators at a conference in Washington, D. C. predicted a 30 to 50 percent drop in college enrollment for the coming year, and certainly the outlook has grown worse since that time.

The chapter is in several ways endeavoring to prepare for what the future holds. We ended rush week with thirty-seven pledges, including six men held over from last spring. These six were activated on October 8 and since that time we have pledged an additional eleven men to bring the pledge class roll to forty-two.

The chapter is striving to bring about a close contact with you, the alumni, so that we may profit by  
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## Those Who Wear The Golden Heart

Love and romance flourished for the boys of Sigma Phi Epsilon during the past summer and the fall quarter of 1950. At present, marriages seem to be holding the upper hand, as nine of our fellow brothers have made the vows. Loyd Lutz and wife, the former Marge Dickson of Gamma Phi Beta, married last fall quarter, 1949, were presented with a bouncing baby boy in November. Congratulations to the Lutz family.

Married over the summer and spring quarter were as follows: Warren Brenneman to Bonnie Brodie, Tri Delt; Ralph Finkner to Laurene Hale; Bill Bunting to Marge Flores; Dick Farrell to Carol Sheely, Tri Delt; Frank Betts to Kathy Thebus, Gamma Phi; Melvin Johnson to Cherie Pennock, Pi Kappa Sig; Joe Phelps to Barbara Babcock, Gamma Phi.

Recent marriages of Sig Ep men were: Russ Green to Jo Ann Seabury, former Kappa Alpha Theta, Dec. 17; Dan Courtney to Mary Trierweiler, Gamma Phi Beta, married in Torrington, Wyo., Dec. 27. Our very best to all of the new married couples.

Most of the men have kept a pretty keen watch over their Golden Hearts to date, as only six of the brothers have been pinned over the summer months and the 1st quarter of 1950, however, from the looks of the lovers in the house, things ought to brighten up a bit when Winter term gets under way. Giving their pins were: Arlan Straub to Janet Noaks, Gamma Phi; Bill Dunn to Marian Wilson; Jim Ham to Joan Olson, Kappa Delta pledge; Eddie Warner to Gerry Paulson, Alpha Omega Pi at Greeley; Bob Wardlaw to Jo Ann Clithero; and our BOY from Chicago—Robert Buehler to Marilyn Loloff, also a member of Gamma Phi Beta.

This is about all of the society news on the Sig Ep men I can find

## Alum Meetings Found Helpful

The beginning of this year, the Active Chapter saw the importance of a joint meeting of alums and actives to settle matters concerning both groups.

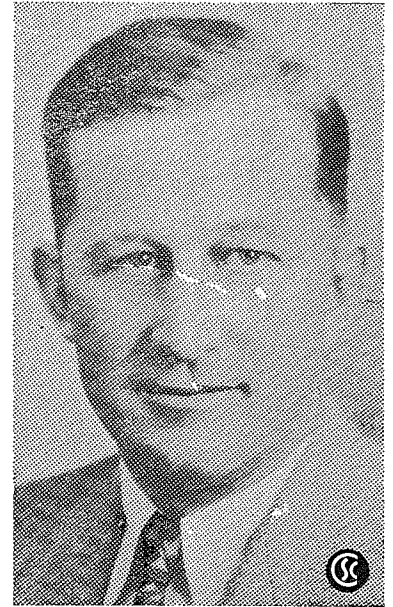
After an emergency meeting of both groups early in October, it was decided to have an active-alum meeting the second Wednesday of each month. This decision was not made for the sole purpose of settling business concerning both groups, but to promote a closer relationship between the past and present, and to arouse an interest of mutual likes.

So far, the joint sessions have met and decided upon several major problems, which have been of the best results. Later on, we hope to further our acquaintance with each other by promoting active-alum social functions, so that we may enjoy our fraternity life to the fullest extent.

To all those alums near enough to attend these meetings, we extend a hearty welcome and desire to see you here. Certainly one night a month is not too much to ask, when you have something to be proud of. To make a grand finale of our get-togethers, there will be coffee and donuts to chat over after the meeting. See you the second Wednesday of each school month.

at present, but I believe great things will happen, before our next issue goes to press.

## A. M. Binkley Is Honor Alum For Fall Quarter



A. M. BINKLEY

A. M. Binkley has been selected as the "Honor Alum," for this quarter. Almon M. Binkley was initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1919 and graduated from Colorado A & M College in the Spring of 1922.

He received a fellowship to Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, where he worked on and obtained his Master's Degree in Horticulture.

Brother Binkley then worked for a year as a fruit and vegetable inspector. He then worked for the American Crystal Sugar Company where he stayed until 1928, when he once again returned to Colorado A & M as an Associate Professor in Horticulture.

In 1939, he was appointed Professor of Horticulture and head of the department, and is continuing in this capacity.

Brother Binkley worked hard, during the war years and afterwards, to keep Sigma Phi Epsilon going through this period. He was elected and is now serving as President of the Alumni in this vicinity. This summer we were able to have the house redecorated and have a new rug laid down in the living room as a start, for the short time he has been in office.

We congratulate Brother A. M. Binkley for the wonderful job he is accomplishing in serving his fraternity.

### ALUMNI DIRECTORY CARD

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# SIG EP SPORTLIGHT

During Fall quarter, Sigma Phi Epsilon turned in one of the best records in two years. We were entered in every sport offered and placed in three out of five. Our football team finished the season with five wins, two losses and one tie. With this record we stood second in the league and third in inter-fraternity. The team was composed of Sherman Blach, David Gates, George Mock, Al McNamee, Marvin Wilhite, John Chamberlain, Keith Mitchell, Tom Keach, Don Reichart, Gene Gingery, Gene McMurry, Jerry Hinkley, Bill Wolfe, Ken Juergens, Ken Osborne and Harold Felte. The team was coached by Max Goracke and Jerry Hinkley.

We had a fine water polo team and copped the second place honors. The team won seven and lost one. Three of the regular swimmers were sick when we played the Sigma Chi's and we lost 5-3 for the only loss of the season. Members of the team were Al MaNamee, Keith Mitchell, Walter Scott, Rudy Narod, Don Smith, Darrell Messick, Bob Melvin, Ken Mitchell, Bob Smullin, Paul Morris and George Mock.

Our Tennis doubles team composed of Don Kerr and Bob Buehler garnered the second place honors and narrowly missed first place in the finals.

The other sport during this quarter is golf and Paul Alexander is heading the list so far with just a few more results to be handed in.

Altogether we have had a fine intramural program this quarter and expect to continue on into Winter quarter with as good or better record.

## With Uncle Sam . .

A good number of the Sig Eps have already taken their pre-induction physicals and many others are due to get their call in the near future. Ned Norris, a senior graduating in December, has passed and will be in the service soon.

Others having passed their physicals are: Jack Saunders, Dave Gates, Harty Stoll, Kenny Hansen, and Walt Hansen. Uncle Sam will probably decide the future of these fellows and many others.

Lt. Elmer C. Dyekman, USAF, is in the hospital, at the present time, at the Brooke Army Medical Center with stomach trouble.

## Chapter House Is Redecorated

The house was redecorated this last summer, with the entrance hall, living room, and sunroom in different shades of green. Even the fire-place is green now. Sliding drapes (darker green) were installed on the windows and french doors. These are of burlap material and not as terrible as they sound, in fact, they look very nice. A new grey rug was purchased for the living room near the close of school last spring.

The two halls upstairs were painted, as well as most of the rooms, by the occupants.

In the living room, there is one piece of furniture which is not green and that is the piano. In fact, it takes a dark pair of sun glasses to tone its bright yellow color down. The house now has the distinction of the loudest piano on the campus.

## Two Sig Eps Player of the Week

This year's varsity football squad had many fine Sig Eps on the roster but we were fortunate to have two of our members earn "Player of the Week" awards.

Brother Dale Dodrill earned his award at the conclusion of the Wyoming-Aggie game. Dale was outstanding on both offense and defense throughout the game even though A&M came out on the short end. Dale is a junior and a general Agriculture major.

Brother Alan Straub received his honor after the Aggie-Mines game. Straub, who plays quarterback, completed 9 out of 13 passes for a total of 157 yards. His ball handling was also excellent and was instrumental in soundly thumping the miners in one of Aggies' best games. Arlan is a Junior physical education major from Pittsburgh, Penn.

**DROP US A LINE**

## Dodrill in Classic Homecoming '50

Dale Dodrill, a 200-pound 60-minute guard was invited and accepted an invitation to play in the annual East-West football classic played in San Francisco, December 30. Dale, a junior Voc. Ag. student from Englewood, has played both offense and defense this year. He has been an All-Conference guard for the past 3 years, and recently was elected honorary captain of the 1950 squad.

## Pledge Dance

The Colorado Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon presented its annual pledge dance on the 18th of November 1950 at 9:00 P. M. The decorations committee decorated the living room and dining room walls with paper pledge paddles with pledge and pledge father's name on each paddle. Multicolored streamers were strung from the ceiling.

Mr. and Mrs. Heald and Mr. Myron Braden were the chaperones. Red Hamilton's orchestra furnished three hours of dance and swing music for the actives, pledges, and their dates.

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they held a radio dance and coffee hour at the house.

As soon as the new pledges became acquainted with each other they held elections for the class officers. Bob Smullin was elected as the class prexy, while Bud Sorensen took over the duties of the V. P. Bud Law and Barney Stratton were elected Secretary and Social Chairman respectively.

The 1950-1951 pledge class consists mostly of freshman, but of course, there are a few sophomores and juniors. At present the class consists of 43 members, however some of the original class have become members of the active chapter which has made the membership smaller than at the first of rush week.

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"Just Visitin'" was the theme for homecoming decorations this year. Preparations for the gala affair were begun weeks before the final judging took place. The Sig Eps followed the theme closely by erecting a handcar with a mock-up of the Brigham Young University's cougar being run out of town by a train with the Aggies "ram" gleaming from the engine cab.

Motor driven wheels, smoke billowing from the smoke stack, and a phonograph record of a train added a touch of realism to the scene. The Rocky Mountains, with the Aggie "A" on the foothills, were done in crepe paper, and appeared as the background. The alums were welcomed back and a buffet style supper was served at the open house after the game.

## Wilson Wangles Work

Rod Wilson, from Ft. Morgan, Colorado, was appointed Work Chairman of Colorado Gamma. The office fills the need of someone to take care of minor repairs about the chapter house. Rod secures manpower from both pledges and active volunteers to make repairs which the house needs.

## —PREXY

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your advice and experience. We are endeavoring to do this through the publication of this quarterly newspaper, through alumni parties and get-togethers, and by making special efforts to meet and know our older brothers.

This last point brings us to the alumni directory card on another page. We have had only mediocre response from you alums in sending directory cards. Please take two minutes right now to fill in the card and mail it to us.

Fraternally,  
Eugene A. Miller